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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,836, 867, dated November 17, 1998, issued to Speier et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,490,015, dated February 6, 1996, issued to Umeyama et al.;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,225,941, dated July 6, 1993, issued to Saito, et al.;

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4. German Patent No. DE 196 31 840 A1 (corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 5,842,972);
5. International Publication No. WO 01/41631 A1, published June 14, 2001; and
6. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2002-112956, published April 16, 2002 together with an English language abstract.

Applicants are submitting a copy of references 4-6. References 1-3 are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of the above-cited references has been described in the specification.

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